

OXFAM IN HAITI

- 10 million people live in Haiti.
- 76% of the population live on less than \$2 a day



THE SITUATION

Haiti is exposed to geological natural catastrophes such as hurricanes, earthquakes and flooding. For 30 years, Haiti has faced major political crises which have negatively impacted the country's socio-economic situation. About 70% of the active Haitian population is unemployed or underemployed, and the poverty rate is 76%. In spite of the destruction caused by the earthquake and the cholera epidemic, Haiti still has a lot of potential to develop in several sectors, such as in agro-industry and tourism.

Two years after the earthquake, more than 420 000 Haitians still live in tents

and under tarps in more than 600 camps* around the earthquake zone. There are still serious challenges for the Haitian government: reconstruction of the urban area of Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities, and insuring affected people have access to decent homes. The cholera epidemic has affected more than half a million people and caused more than 7,100 fatalities, mostly because of the lack of access to clean water, improved sanitation infrastructures and public health centres. Many Haitians' food supplies are not secure.

IN NUMBERS**

1,100,000
total people helped



Marie Carole St. Juste (with her mother) inside her new shop, provided as part of Oxfam's livelihoods recovery programme in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake.

OXFAM IN HAITI

- Oxfam has worked in Haiti since 1978.
- After the devastating earthquake and catastrophic cholera epidemic in 2010, we focused on water and sanitation and developing livelihoods projects in camps and neighbourhoods.
- Two years after the earthquake we're working to help partners improve sustainable water and sanitation systems, promote good hygiene practices, improve livelihoods and invest in the agriculture sector, as well as preparing for new emergencies.
- We also work on gender equality, governance and advocacy to insure that positive changes our programmes bring about are sustainable and lasting.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Oxfam responded quickly after the devastating earthquake in 2010. We supported more than 1.2 million victims of the earthquake and cholera epidemic. In 2010, we provided water and sanitation facilities to 400,000 people in 123 camps. With support from a local partner, Aprosifa, we also helped more than 41,800 households with essential materials. We gave tarpaulins, tents and family kits to 94,000 people while advocating for the protection of women in camps, more respect of rights of displaced people against forced evictions, and a better reconstruction process, giving voice to Haitians. In 2011, we supported 532,000 people as part of our earthquake response.



Residents of Tapis Rouge camp clear up debris as part of our cash-for-work programme in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Photo: Ivan Munoz / Intermon Oxfam

REINFORCING AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION, AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

We are:

- supporting food producers to improve their productivity; and to transform, and commercialise their agricultural products
 - strengthening partners' – such as co-operatives' and farmers' associations' – ability to advocate and organise
 - supporting the national dairy sector and strengthening a network of breeders'
- organisational skills
- improving adaptation and mitigation of climate change effects, such as reforestation, building irrigation infrastructures to improve agriculture yields, and containing flooding risks.

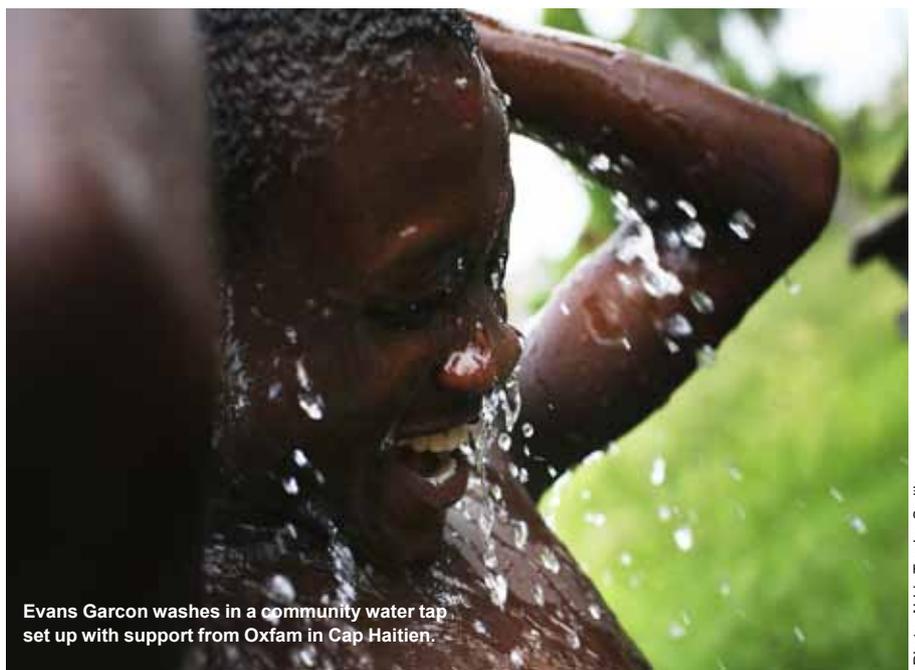


Photo: Ami Vitale

IMPROVING WATER, SANITATION AND GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES

We are:

- reducing the number of people affected by diseases associated with the lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene
- carrying out long term activities to ensure access to sufficient drinking water and adequate sanitation, especially for vulnerable groups (children, women, poor people) in collaboration with the government and beneficiaries
- improving waste management systems in urban areas



Evans Garcon washes in a community water tap set up with support from Oxfam in Cap Haitien.

Photo: Abbie Trayler-Smith

Photo: Toby Adamson



PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCOME GENERATION

We are:

- helping marginalised people in urban and rural areas become self-reliant on sustainable livelihood and economic issues
- supporting professional training and the creation of sustainable “micro-enterprises” for poor people
- strengthening sustainable agriculture production and transformation to improve food security for the benefit of rural communities
- promoting women’s resilience and economic leadership, particularly in urban areas, and including an emphasis on access to business services

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES AND REDUCING THE RISK OF DISASTERS

We are:

- working with partners to improve Haiti’s ability to respond to an emergency within 24 hours
- preparing to respond to the first needs of 5,000 families in an emergency situation (such as a tsunami, earthquake, hurricane, floods, draught, cholera outbreak or food crisis)
- working with local authorities to improve their preparedness and capacity to respond to emergencies.



The Civil Protection Committee of Borne runs through a training exercise to learn how to save lives in a flood

Photo: Abbie Trayler-Smith

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND FIGHTING SEXUAL-BASED VIOLENCE

We are:

- supporting institutional and legal efforts to condemn gender based violence, and the fighting impunity
- building stakeholders’ capacities to promote the women’s economic and organisational leadership and protect vulnerable groups in crises
- strengthening women’s organisations to promote political participation, get access to justice and fight gender based violence

INFLUENCING PUBLIC POLICIES THROUGH ADVOCACY WORK

We work with local partners to promote the equal and fair development of society through strengthening small-scale producers, and an effective and accountable reconstruction addressing both rural and urban structural disparities.

We also lobby for a future where everyone always has enough to eat as part of Oxfam’s international ‘GROW’ campaign.